Champion Reef

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May it please your Highness,

It is a long time since i wrote to yonr highness and as I have heard strange things since I must inform your highness.

Isaw Sir Valentine Chirolwho had along talk with me on native states and Mysore in particular.He first began by saying thathe heard that the Mysore Government is antiBritishas they encouraged particularly all german goods in their exhibitions successivelyfor years and had German employe a Krumbiegel in court and government service.At the instance of this german you r highness sent waway for one reason or other british officers or proBritishers and his word was gospel truth to you

He mentioned to me that at his report you persecuted honest an palace official who exposed this germans thievish conduct in some palace garden swindle and gave promotion to the german and the gardener for the good work'.'.'. Iwas rather astonishe d how these little things are being taken note of against your highness.Ithat true?I shall ascertain from Bowring when I next meet him.SirValentine ventured to say that such honest officials are much respect ed and held in great esteem in the English Court since they look after kings interests as weal as their own and he concluded by saying that you have alot of boys who are not of the soil and do not possess character to keep your highness informedof true andexact situa tions in the affairs of the state.If there are unwor

thy men about your highness ,they reflect your highness unworthiness.He was inclined to think that there is not one,honest,truthful and straightforward official in Mysore serviceand your highness seems to value show as real worth without knowing that virtue and honour shine through the meanest dresw.This opinion Mr. Warburtnbhad also expresswd to me.

About Yuvaraja he did not think much as all Europeans now do .He is-a-mera~~ll~~ an immoral wretch.The Europeans are watching himas you may be aware.He ventured to pre dict that he would be the cause of ruin of the state.

It behoves you highnesws to devote mor attention t to the affairs of the and do not trust any of your officials at present.Hear all sides anduseue your own judgment .Readbot English and Indian papersor employ one whom you consider able and trustworthy for the purpose to give you correct summaries.The one you choose must a mysorean and then loyal,honest.faithfuland straightforward.

I am getting old and now and again consider it my duty to give you these bits of information.

You highness8 most loyal
subject living
on the goldfield